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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: TITLE V OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT AND WIA

Region 6 of the United States Department of Labor (DOL) recently released Workforce Investment Act Letter (WIAL) 13-00. The purpose of the regional issuance is:

1. To provide State and local partners with a “red-lined” copy of the re-authorized Title V, which was effective on November 13, 2000, in addition to a table comparing the re-authorized Title V to the prior law, and
2. To highlight key features of Title V that have a clear impact on service design and delivery under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

On November 13, 2000, the [Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000](#) became Public Law 106-501. Under Title V of the Older Americans Act (OAA), DOL sponsored a job creation program, the Senior Community Service Employment Program, designed to serve the needs of the growing population of low-income older Americans through training, retraining, and paid community employment.

The WIA included recipients of Title V funds among the required One-Stop partners. The OAA Amendments build on that partnership by requiring that all Title V grantees in an area coordinate their activities through the One-Stop delivery system. The legislation also clarifies that service strategies or participant assessments of skill, interests, and circumstances that are provided under WIA should be accepted by Title V programs and vice versa. Furthermore, the OAA Amendments allow Local Workforce Investment Boards to deem Title V participants eligible for WIA-funded intensive and training services without first accessing core services.

The OAA Amendments establish an enhanced performance accountability system to hold each Title V grantee accountable for attaining high levels of performance with respect to core measures, such as customer satisfaction and placement in unsubsidized employment. The Amendments strengthen administrative procedures by incorporating fiscal accountability provisions similar to those under WIA, including the definitions of administrative costs and programmatic costs and the uniform application of cost principles.

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